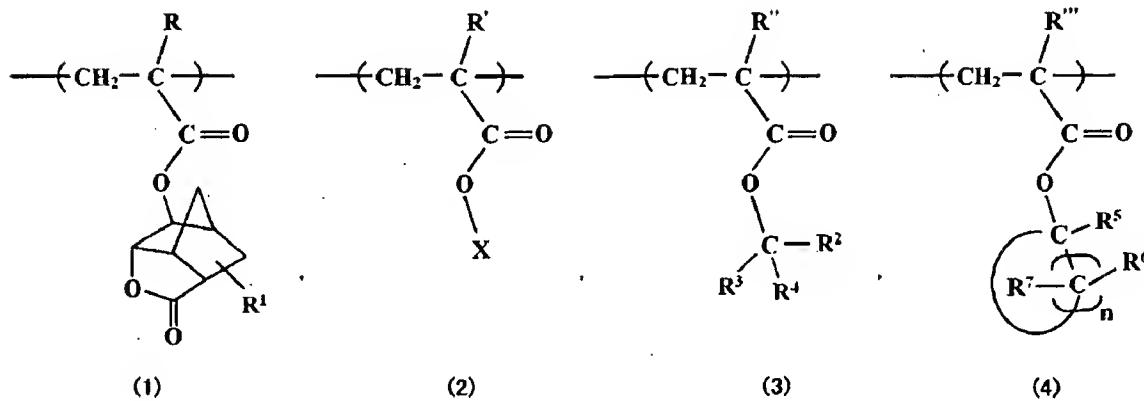


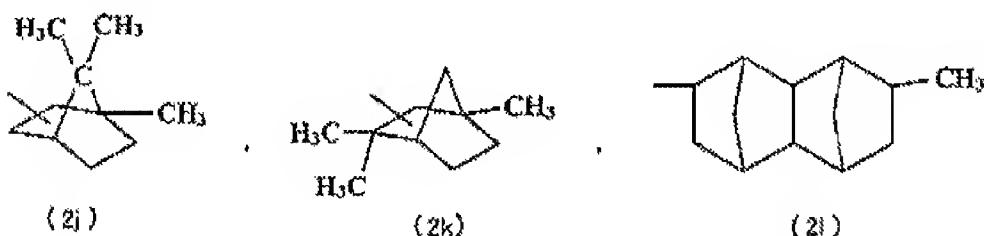
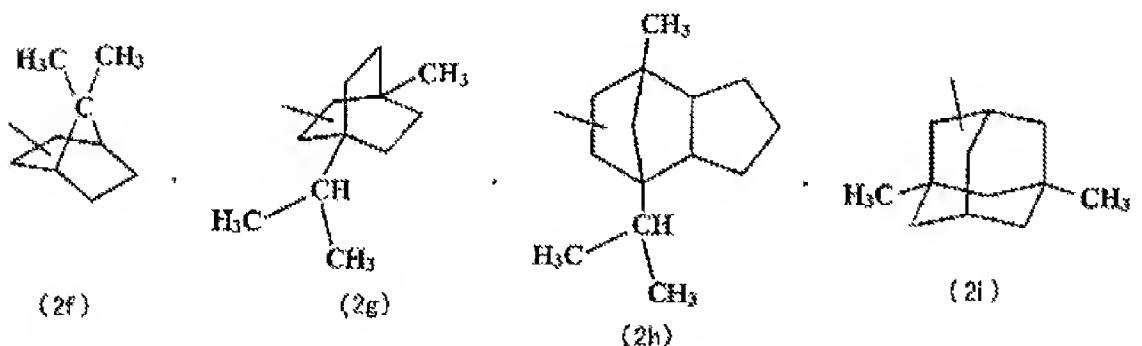
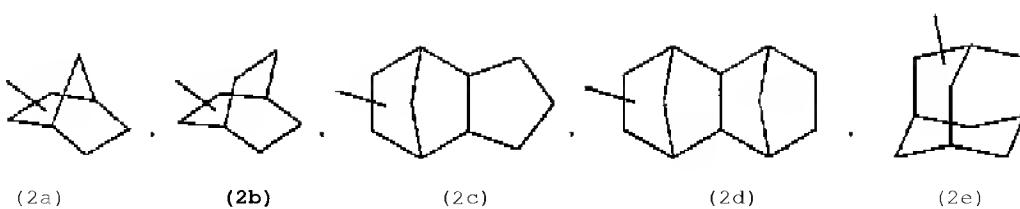
AMENDMENT AND PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS

Please replace all prior claims in the present application with the following claims, in which claim 5 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, and claim 1 has been amended.

1. (Currently Amended) An acrylic polymer comprising a recurring unit (i) represented by the following formula (1), a recurring unit (ii) represented by the following formula (2), and an acid-labile group-containing recurring unit (iii) which contains at least one unit selected from a recurring unit represented by the following formula (3) and formula (4),



wherein, in the formulas (1) to (4), R, R', R'', and R''' individually represent a hydrogen atom, methyl group, or trifluoromethyl group, in the formula (1), R¹ represents a hydrogen atom, linear or branched alkyl group having 1-4 carbon atoms, linear or branched alkoxy group having 1-4 carbon atoms, or linear or branched fluoroalkyl group having 1-4 carbon atoms, in the formula (2), X represents a polycyclic hydrocarbon group consisting only of carbon and hydrogen and having 7-20 carbon atoms which is one group selected from groups represented by the following formulas (2a) to (2l):



, in the formula (3), R₂ and R₃ individually represent a linear or branched alkyl group having 1-4 carbon atoms and R₄ represents an alicyclic hydrocarbon group having 4-20 carbon atoms, and in the formula (4), R₅ represents a linear or branched alkyl group having 1-4 carbon atoms, R₆ and R₇ individually represent a hydrogen atom or a linear or branched alkyl group having 1-4 carbon atoms, and n represents an integer of 3-7.

2. (Original) The acrylic polymer according to claim 1, wherein the recurring unit (iii) is a group represented by the formula (4).

3. (Original) The acrylic polymer according to claim 2, wherein, in the formula (4), R⁵ is a methyl group or ethyl group, R⁶ and R⁷ are hydrogen atoms, and n is 4 or 5.

4. (Original) The acrylic polymer according to claim 1, wherein, in the recurring unit (i) represented by the formula (1), R is a hydrogen atom or methyl group and R¹ is a hydrogen atom.

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Original) The acrylic polymer according to claim 1, wherein the proportion of the recurring units in the total recurring units is 20-70 mol% for the recurring unit (i), 1-20 mol% for the recurring unit (ii), and 20-60 mol% for the acid-labile group-containing recurring unit (iii).

7. (Original) A radiation-sensitive resin composition comprising the acrylic polymer according to claim 1 and a photoacid generator.

8. (Original) A radiation sensitive resin composition comprising the acrylic polymer according to claim 2 and a photoacid generator.